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Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The fifty-fourth session of the Committee against Torture will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (Palais Wilson) from 20 April to 15 May 2015. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 20 April, at 10 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the fifty- fourth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 31 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public, unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 5, which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports. In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

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Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The fifty-fourth session of the Committee will be opened by a representative of the Secretary-General.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except when the election of officers is required under rule 16. Under this item, the Committee will adopt the agenda for the session. In accordance with rule 9 of its rules of procedure, the Committee may revise the agenda during the session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

3. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session, as well as its working methods and any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

4. Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

(a) States parties to the Convention

As at 3 February 2015, there were 156 States parties to the Convention. Eritrea acceded to the Convention on 25 September 2014.

(b) Reports received

In addition to the reports scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its fifty-fourth session, by 3 February 2015 the Secretary-General had received reports from the following States parties, which are pending consideration:

Initial reports	*Symbol*
Iraq	CAT/C/IRQ/1

Periodic reports	*Symbol*
Austria	CAT/C/AUT/6
Azerbaijan	CAT/C/AZE/4
China*	CAT/C/CHN/5
Hong Kong, China*	CAT/C/CHN-HKG/5
Macao, China*	CAT/C/CHN-MAC/5
Denmark	CAT/C/DNK/6-7
Israel	CAT/C/ISR/5
Jordan	CAT/C/JOR/3
Liechtenstein	CAT/C/LIE/4
Philippines	CAT/C/PHL/3
Saudi Arabia*	CAT/C/SAU/2
Slovakia *	CAT/C/SVK/3
Switzerland	CAT/C/CHE/7
Tunisia**	CAT/C/TUN/3 and Add.1
Turkey	CAT/C/TUR/4

* Reports not submitted under the simplified reporting procedure

** The State party submitted an additional updated report

(c) Initial reports

The status of initial reports as at 3 February 2015 was as follows:

Initial reports		
State party (since)	*Overdue since*	*Due received*
Antigua and Barbuda (1993)	17 August 1994	---
Bangladesh (1998)	4 November 1999	---
Botswana (2000)	7 October 2001	---
Cape Verde (1992)	3 July 1993	---
Congo (2003)	---	Received 28 February 2014
Côte d'Ivoire (1995)	16 January 1997	---
Dominican Republic (2012)	23 February 2013	---
Equatorial Guinea (2002)	6 November 2003	---
Eritrea (2014)		25 October 2015
Guinea-Bissau (2013)	24 October 2014	
Iraq (2011)	---	Received 30 June 2014

Initial reports		
State party (since)	*Overdue since*	*Due received*
Lao People's Democratic Republic (2012)	26 October 2013	---
Lebanon (2000)	3 November 2001	---
Lesotho (2001)	11 December 2002	---
Liberia (2004)	22 October 2005	---
Malawi (1996)	10 July 1997	---
Maldives (2004)	20 May 2005	---
Mali (1999)	27 March 2000	---
Nauru (2012)	26 October 2013	---
Niger (1998)	3 November 1999	---
Nigeria (2001)	28 June 2002	---
Pakistan (2010)	23 July 2011	---
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2001)	30 August 2002	---
San Marino (2006)	27 December 2007	---
Seychelles (1992)	3 June 1993	---
Somalia (1990)	22 February 1991	---
State of Palestine (2014)	---	2 May 2015
Swaziland (2004)	25 April 2005	---
Timor-Leste (2003)	16 May 2004	---
United Arab Emirates (2012)	19 August 2013	---
Vanuatu (2011)	11 August 2012	---

(d) Periodic reports

The status of periodic reports as at 3 February 2015 was as follows:

Periodic reports			
State party (since)	*Last examination*	*Overdue since*	*Due received*
Afghanistan *(1987)	Initial November 1992	Second 25 June 1996	---
Albania (1994)	Second May 2012	---	Third 1 June 2016
Algeria (1989)	Third May 2008	Fourth 20 June 2012	---
Andorra (2006)	Initial November 2013	---	Second 22 November 2017

Periodic reports			
State party (since)	*Last examination*	*Overdue since*	*Due received*
Argentina* (1986)	Fourth November 2004	Fifth and sixth 25 June 2008	---
Armenia* (1993)	Third May 2012	---	Fourth 1 June 2016
Australia* (1989)	Fourth and fifth November 2014	---	Sixth Due 28 November 2018
Austria* (1987)	Fourth and fifth May 2010	---	Sixth Received 22 July 2014
Azerbaijan* (1996)	Third November 2009		Fourth Received 22 September 2014
Bahrain (1998)	Initial May 2005	Second 4 April 2007	---
Belarus* (1987)	Fourth November 2011	---	Fifth 25 November 2015
Belgium* (1999)	Third November 2013	---	Fourth 22 November 2017
Belize* (1986)	Initial November 1993	Initial and second 25 June 1996	---
Benin* (1992)	Second November 2007	Third 30 December 2011	---
Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (1999)	Second May 2013	---	Third 31 May 2017
Bosnia and Herzegovina* (1993)	Second to fifth November 2010	Sixth 19 November 2014	
Brazil* (1989)	Initial May 2001	Second 27 October 2002	---
Bulgaria* (1986)	Fourth and fifth November 2011	---	Sixth 25 November 2015
Burkina Faso (1999)	Initial November 2013	---	Second 22 November 2017
Burundi (1993)	Second November 2014	---	Third Due 28 November 2018
Cambodia* (1992)	Second November 2010	Third 19 November 2014--	
Cameroon* (1986)	Fourth May 2010	Fifth 14 May 2014	---
Canada* (1987)	Sixth May 2012	---	Seventh 1 June 2016

	Periodic reports		
State party (since)	*Last examination*	*Overdue since*	*Due received*
Chad* (1992)	Initial May 2009	Second 15 May 2012	---
Chile* (1988)	Fifth May 2009	Sixth 15 May 2013	---
China (including Hong Kong, China, and Macao, China) (1988)	Fourth November 2008	---	Fifth Received 20 June 2013
Colombia* (1987)	Fourth November 2009	---	Fifth Received 30 December 2013
Costa Rica* (1993)	Second May 2008	Third 30 June 2012	---
Croatia* (1992)	Fourth and fifth November 2014	---	Sixth 28 November 2018
Cuba (1995)	Second May 2012	---	Third 1 June 2016
Cyprus* (1991)	Fourth May 2014	---	Fifth 23 May 2018
Czech Republic* (1993)	Fourth and fifth May 2012	---	Sixth 1 June 2016
Democratic Republic of the Congo (1996)	Initial November 2005	Second to fourth 16 April 2009	---
Denmark* (1987)	Fifth May 2007		Sixth and seventh Received 23 September 2014
Djibouti (2002)	Initial November 2011	---	Second 25 November 2015
Ecuador* (1988)	Fourth to sixth November 2010	Seventh 19 November 2014	
Egypt (1986)	Fourth November 2002	Fifth 25 June 2004	---
El Salvador* (1996)	Second November 2009	Third 20 November 2013	---
Estonia* (1991)	Fifth May 2013	---	Sixth 31 May 2017
Ethiopia (1994)	Initial November 2010	Second 19 November 2014	
Finland* (1989)	Fifth and sixth May 2011	---	Seventh 3 June 2015
France (1986)	Fourth to sixth May 2010	Seventh 14 May 2014	
Gabon* (2000)	Initial November 2012	---	Second 23 November 2016

Periodic reports			
State party (since)	*Last examination*	*Overdue since*	*Due received*
Georgia* (1994)	Third May 2006	Fourth and fifth 24 November 2011	---
Germany* (1990)	Fifth November 2011	---	Sixth 25 November 2015
Ghana *(2000)	Initial May 2011	---	Second 3 June 2015
Greece* (1988)	Fifth and sixth May 2012	---	Seventh 1 June 2016
Guatemala* (1990)	Fifth and sixth May 2013	---	Seventh 31 May 2017
Guinea (1989)	Initial May 2014	---	Second 23 May 2018
Guyana* (1988)	Initial November 2006	Second 31 December 2008	---
Holy See (2002)	Initial May 2014	---	Second 23 May 2018
Honduras* (1996)	Initial May 2009	Second 15 May 2013	---
Hungary* (1987)	Fourth November 2006	Fifth and sixth 31 December 2010	---
Iceland* (1996)	Third May 2008	Fourth 30 June 2012	---
Indonesia (1998)	Second May 2008	Third 30 June 2012	---
Ireland* (2002)	Initial May 2011	---	Second 3 June 2015
Israel* (1991)	Fourth May 2009		Fifth Received 17 November 2014
Italy* (1989)	Fourth and fifth May 2007	Sixth 30 June 2011	---
Japan* (1999)	Second May 2013	---	Third 31 May 2017
Jordan* (1991)	Second May 2010	---	Third Received 3 July 2014
Kazakhstan (1998)	Third November 2014	---	Fourth Due 28 November 2018
Kenya* (1997)	Second May 2013	---	Third 31 May 2017
Kuwait* (1996)	Second May 2011	---	Third 3 June 2015

Periodic reports			
State party (since)	*Last examination*	*Overdue since*	*Due received*
Kyrgyzstan* (1997)	Second November 2013	---	Third 23 November 2017
Latvia* (1992)	Third to fifth November 2013	---	Sixth 22 November 2017
Libya* (1989)	Third May 1999	Fourth 14 June 2002	---
Liechtenstein* (1990)	Third May 2010		Fourth Received 29 September 2014
Lithuania* (1996)	Third May 2014	---	Fourth 23 May 2018
Luxembourg* (1987)	Fifth May 2007	---	Sixth and seventh Received 14 January 2014
Madagascar (2005)	Initial November 2011	---	Second 25 November 2015
Malta* (1990)	Second November 1999	Third 12 December 2000	---
Mauritania	Initial May 2013	---	Second 31 May 2017
Mauritius* (1992)	Third May 2011	---	Fourth 3 June 2015
Mexico* (1986)	Fifth and sixth November 2012	---	Seventh 23 November 2016
Monaco* (1991)	Fourth and fifth May 2011	---	Sixth 3 June 2015
Mongolia* (2002)	Initial November 2010	Second 19 November 2014	
Montenegro* (2006)	Second May 2014	---	Third 23 May 2018
Morocco* (1993)	Fourth November 2011	---	Fifth 25 November 2015
Mozambique (1999)	Initial November 2013	---	Second 22 November 2017
Namibia (1994)	Initial May 1997	Second 27 December 1999	---
Nepal (1991)	Second November 2005	Third to fifth 12 June 2008	---
Netherlands* (1988)	Sixth May 2013	---	Seventh 31 May 2017
New Zealand* (1989)	Fifth May 2009	---	Sixth Received 20 December 2013

Periodic reports			
State party (since)	*Last examination*	*Overdue since*	*Due received*
Nicaragua (2005)	Initial May 2009	Second 15 May 2013	---
Norway* (1986)	Sixth and seventh November 2012	---	Eighth 23 November 2016
Panama (1987)	Third May 1998	Fourth 27 September 2000	---
Paraguay* (1990)	Fourth to sixth November 2011	---	Seventh 25 November 2015
Peru* (1988)	Fifth and sixth November 2012	---	Seventh 23 November 2016
Philippines* (1986)	Second May 2009		Third Received 25 November 2014
Poland* (1989)	Fifth and sixth November 2013	---	Seventh 22 November 2017
Portugal* (1989)	Fifth and sixth November 2013	---	Seventh 22 November 2017
Qatar* (2000)	Second November 2012	---	Third 23 November 2016
Republic of Korea* (1995)	Second May 2006	Third to fifth 7 February 2012	---
Republic of Moldova* (1995)	Second November 2009	Third 20 November 2013	---
Romania* (1990)	Initial May 1992	---	Second Received 24 January 2014
Russian Federation* (1987)	Fifth November 2012	---	Sixth 23 November 2016
Rwanda (2008)	Initial May 2012	---	Second 1 June 2016
Saudi Arabia (1997)	Initial May 2002		Second Received 8 January 2015
Senegal* (1986)	Third November 2012	---	Fourth 23 November 2016
Serbia* (2001)	Initial November 2008	---	Second Received 10 October 2013
Sierra Leone (2001)	Initial May 2014	---	Second 23 May 2018
Slovakia* (1993)	Second November 2009	---	Third Received 18 November 2013

	Periodic reports		
State party (since)	*Last examination*	*Overdue since*	*Due received*
Slovenia* (1993)	Third May 2011	---	Fourth 3 June 2015
South Africa (1998)	Initial November 2006	Second 31 December 2009	---
Spain* (1987)	Fifth November 2009	---	Sixth Received 23 December 2013
Sri Lanka (1994)	Third and fourth November 2011	---	Fifth 25 November 2015
Sweden* (1986)	Sixth and seventh November 2014	---	Eighth Due 28 November 2018
Switzerland* (1986)	Fifth and sixth May 2010	---	Seventh Received 27 June 2014
Syrian Arab Republic (2004)	Initial May 2010	Second 14 May 2014	---
Tajikistan (1995)	Second November 2012	---	Third 23 November 2016
Thailand (2007)	Initial May 2014	---	Second 23 May 2018
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia* (1994)	Second May 2008	---	Third Received 6 September 2013
Togo* (1987)	Second November 2012	---	Third 23 November 2016
Tunisia (1988)** *	Second November 1998	---	Third Received 16 November 2009 and 2 October 2014
Turkey* (1988)	Third November 2010	---	Fourth Received 29 September 2014
Turkmenistan (1999)	Initial May 2011	---	Second 3 June 2015
Uganda* (1986)	Initial May 2005	Second 25 June 2008	---
Ukraine* (1987)	Sixth November 2014		Seventh Due 28 November 2018
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1988)	Fifth May 2013	---	Sixth 31 May 2017

	Periodic reports		
State party (since)	*Last examination*	*Overdue since*	*Due received*
United States of America* (1994)	Third to fifth November 2014	---	Sixth Due 28 November 2018
Uruguay* (1986)	Third May 2014	---	Fourth 23 May 2018
Uzbekistan (1995)	Fourth November 2013	---	Fifth 23 November 2017
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (1991)	Third and fourth November 2014	---	Fifth Due 28 November 2014
Yemen *(1991)	Second May 2010	Third 14 May 2014	---
Zambia* (1998)	Second May 2008	Third 30 June 2012	---

* States parties submitting reports under the simplified reporting procedure.

** The State party submitted an additional updated report.

5. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the fifty-fourth session is given below:

Tuesday, 21 April

10 a.m.	New Zealand: sixth periodic report	CAT/C/NZL/6

Wednesday, 22 April

10 a.m.	Congo: initial report	CAT/C/COG/1
3 p.m.	New Zealand: replies	

Thursday, 23 April

10 a.m.	Romania: second periodic report	CAT/C/ROM/2-4
3 p.m.	Congo: replies	

Friday, 24 April

3 p.m.	Romania: replies	

Monday, 27 April

10 a.m.	Luxembourg: sixth and seventh periodic reports	CAT/C/LUX/6-7

Tuesday, 28 April

10 a.m.	Spain: sixth periodic report	CAT/C/ESP/6
3 p.m.	Luxembourg: replies	

Wednesday, 29 April		
10 a.m.	Serbia: second periodic report	CAT/C/SRB/2
3 p.m.	Spain: replies	
Thursday, 30 April		
10 a.m.	Colombia: fifth periodic report	CAT/C/COL/5
3 p.m.	Serbia: replies	
Friday, 1 May		
3 p.m.	Colombia: replies	
Monday, 4 May		
10 a.m.	FYR of Macedonia: third periodic report	CAT/C/MKD/3
Tuesday, 5 May		
3 p.m.	FYR of Macedonia: replies	

6. Consideration of information submitted under article 20 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XIX of its rules of procedure, under this item the Committee will consider information which has been, or appears to have been, submitted for its consideration under article 20 of the Convention.

In accordance with the provisions of article 20, paragraph 5, of the Convention and rules 78 and 79 of the Committee's rules of procedure, all documents and proceedings of the Committee relating to its functions under article 20 of the Convention are confidential and all the meetings concerning its proceedings under that article are closed.

7. Consideration of communications submitted under article 22 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XXI of its rules of procedure, under this item, the Committee will consider communications which have been, or appear to have been, submitted to it under article 22 of the Convention.

In accordance with article 22, paragraph 6, of the Convention and rule 107, paragraph 1, of the Committee's rules of procedure, meetings of the Committee or its subsidiary bodies during which communications under article 22 of the Convention are examined are closed.